**U.S. Embassy Maputo, Mozambique**
Security Message for U.S. Citizens: *New Crime Trend in Maputo and Matola*
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The U.S. Embassy would like to take this opportunity to share some information about a new crime trend in Maputo and Matola that will help keep you and your family safe.

Police in the cities of Maputo and Matola have recently noticed a new tactic used by car and accessory thieves. These criminals throw rocks at windshields in the dead of night and spring into action when drivers stop to investigate and assess the damage. Folha de Maputo says it has information that police in Malanga and Maquinag and the Mounted Brigade have received reports from motorists who have fallen victim to this new criminal syndicate. The worst affected areas are Avenida OAU (after the roundabout in the Avenida 25 de Setembro direction), the EN4 before the toll gate (especially at the pedestrian bridges), and the Estrada-Velha in the city of Matola.

Being alert when in traffic and around town can help you avoid incidents with criminals. You are reminded to always be aware of your surroundings and attentive to who is around when you park, dine, and enter or exit your residence or place of work.

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